(a) from which of the communities in the State have representations been received for communal nominations or for grant of special constituencies; what was the reply given to each of them;

(b) on what grounds are the existing special constituencies and nominations granted;

(c) what is the population of the communities to which special constituencies are now allowed and what is the percentage of literacy amongst these communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) i. *For special constituencies.*—Nambudiries, Anglo-Indians, Ezhuvas, Ezhuthassans and Valans.

ii. *For nomination.*—Nambudiries, Anglo-Indians, Valans and Arayans; Christian ladies, Kshatriyas (Thirumulpads), Muslims, Pattaryas, Nestorians, Pulayas, Guzeratties, Perumanrans, Protestant, Marthoma, Chaldean, Syrian and Anglican communities, Gowd Saraswat;

One petitioner was informed that the request would be considered at the time of making nominations. In other cases no replies were given.

(b) The existing special constituencies and nominations are granted with a view partly to give representation to special interests such as planters and land-holders and partly to provide for backward communities.

(c)

	Total population.	Percentage of literacy
Ezhuvas	2,76,649	20·8
Muslims	87,902	13·7
Jews	1,451	39·1

Information regarding land-holders and planters is not available.

Excise Defalcation Case—Settlement by Government.

662. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the petition presented to the Government by some of the Members of the Second Legislative Council to the effect that the Civil Case with regard to the Excise defalcation against Mr. M. A. Chakko, the late Excise Superintendent, be settled by Government;

2. whether Mr. Thomas Manjuran, the new Judge of the Chief Court appointed to try the said case, was one of the petitioners;

3. what action was taken by Government on this petition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Copy is placed on the table. (*Appendix IV*).

2. Yes.

3. No action was taken.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government know that Mr. Manjuran has signed a petition sent to the Government beforehe was appointed as the Puisne Judge of the Chief Court ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—What petition ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The petition referred to here.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A copy is placed on the table. I do not quite understand the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the Government aware that Mr. Manjuran was one of the signatories to this petition sent to the Government before he was appointed as the Puisne Judge ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think Government remembered this particular matter at the moment of his appointment. But I should say at the same time that the fact whether they knew or did not know about it is rather irrelevent also to this point.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is a matter of opinion.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is the Government's statement. It is not my own opinion.

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 662.)

Petition, dated 26th December 1928 from the Members of the Second Legislative Council.

We, the undersigned, understand that Mr. M. A. Chakko, a valued colleague of ours in the Council, has approached the Government with a request for an early settlement, out of Court, of the case pending against him in the Anjikaimal District Court in connection with the defalcations in the Excise Department. The case has now been pending for about 3 years and no appreciable progress has been made in the matter of recording evidence, etc. He has also been prevented from dealing with his property by an injunction from the Court. And to crown all, his leave allowance for a period of about 18 months and the question of his pension after a long and distinguished service of about 28 years are made dependent on the result of the above-said suit.

The meritorious services of Mr. Chakko who entered service as a clerk on Rs. 15 and who subsequently became the Head of four Departments in succession, not to mention other important and onorous positions he filled, appear to have been recognised and appreciated by the public and the authorities alike.

We also understand that Mr. Chakko has brought to the notice of the Government the way the Departmental Heads have been dealt with by other enlightened Governments in the matter of defalcations for which subordinates have been criminally guilty.

Realising the extreme hardship to which any man would be subjected, if after an honourable and honoured life of over quarter of a century, he finds himself not only deprived of the fruits of his service, but even debarred the liberty of doing what he likes to do with the little that he was able to lay by, we earnestly and respectfuliy request the benign Government to settle the matter with the least possible delay on fair and honourable terms both to Mr. Chakko and the Government.

We, in conclusion, request the Government to view the long and distinguished service of Mr. Chakko with sympathy and vouchsafe to him the opportunity of enjoying his *otium and dignitate* which he so richly deserves.

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